

13. (Amended) The system defined in claim 1, wherein spot and all derived [currencies] ^{are} ~~can be~~ traded over the system.

14. (Amended) A principal market maker/rolling spot [link] system for trading [currencies] currency futures, comprising:

[means for receiving a primary currency purchase order, the primary currency purchase order indicative of whether a currency is to be bought or sold;

means for receiving a secondary currency purchase order, the secondary currency purchase order indicative of a currency option hedge;]

a principal market maker futures computer [coupled to the means for receiving the primary currency purchase order, the principal market maker futures computer] operative to receive and automatically execute primary currency futures purchase orders and maintain a currency futures bid and offer market;

a principal market maker options computer [coupled to the means for receiving the secondary currency purchase order, the principal market maker options computer] operative to receive and automatically execute secondary currency futures purchase orders and maintain a currency options bid and offer market; and

a bi-directional communications link coupled between the futures and options computers, the bi-directional communications link to facilitate intermarket trading to manage risk taken in a position resulting from a trade in either market.

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15. (Amended) The link defined in claim 14, further comprising a second communications link to rolling spot future trade systems.

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16. (Amended) The link defined in claim ¹14, further comprising a second communications link to currency futures trade systems.

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17. (Amended) The link defined in claim ¹14, further comprising a second communications link to allow vertical, horizontal and combination spread options trading.

23. (Amended) A principal market maker system [/rolling spot link] for trading [currencies] commodities, comprising:

[means for receiving a primary currency purchase order, the primary currency purchase order indicative of whether a currency is to be bought or sold;

means for receiving a secondary currency purchase order, the secondary currency purchase order indicative of an outright option sale;]

a principal market maker futures computer [coupled to the means for receiving the primary currency purchase order, the principal market maker futures computer] operative to receive and automatically execute primary [currency] commodity purchase orders and maintain a [currency] commodity futures bid and offer market;

a principal market maker options computer [coupled to the means for receiving the secondary currency purchase order, the principal market maker options computer] operative to receive and automatically execute secondary [currency] commodity purchase orders and maintain a [currency] commodity options bid and offer market; and

a bi-directional communications link coupled between the futures and options computers,

the bi-directional communications link to facilitate intermarket trading to manage risk taken in a position resulting from a trade in either market.

24. (Amended) An electronic [bank and institutional] market for trading [currencies] commodities, comprising:

a communications interface operative to transmit [currency] commodity bids and offers from at least one financial institution; and

a principal market maker computer coupled to the communications interface, the principal market maker computer operative to receive the [currency] commodity bids and offers and automatically execute trades to maintain a market for [currency] commodity trades.

Claim 25, line 27, delete "system" and insert in its place --facility--.

26. (Amended) The electronic ~~bank and institutional~~ market defined in claim 2[4]7, further comprising a principal market maker options computer.

27. (Amended) The electronic ~~bank and institutional~~ market defined in claim 2[4]7, further comprising a bi-directional communications link coupled between the options computer and [main] principal market maker computer.

Claim 28, line 2, delete "24" and insert in its place --27--.

Claim 29, line 5, delete "24" and insert in its place --27--.

Claim 30, line 8, delete "24" and insert in its place --27--.

Claim 31, line 11, delete "24" and insert in its place --27--.

Claim 32, line 14, delete "24" and insert in its place --27--.

33. (Amended) A system for trading commodities comprising:

an electronic brokerage and trading network having at least one computer, display terminal and input, the electronic brokerage and trading network [coupled]operative to receive and transmit bids and offers of a commodity; and

a principal market maker computer coupled to the electronic brokerage and trading network, the principal market maker computer operative to receive and transmit the bids and offers of the commodity and automatically execute trades by maintaining a constant bid and offer market for the commodity.

34. (Amended) A method of trading [currencies]commodities comprising the steps of:

providing a principal market maker computer;

receiving and [transiting]transmitting bids and offers for publicly traded [currencies]
commodities;

storing the received bids and offers in a memory;

[identifying matching bids and offers;

executing the matching bids and offers;]

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identifying unmatched bids and offers; and

automatically providing a complementary trade to maintain a market for such

[currencies]commodities.

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37. (Amended) A method of maintaining a market for publicly traded [currencies] currency futures, comprising the steps of:

providing a principal market maker computer;

receiving a primary currency futures purchase order, the primary currency futures purchase order indicative of whether a currency futures is to be bought or sold;

receiving a secondary currency futures purchase order, the secondary currency futures purchase order indicative of a currency futures option hedge;

automatically matching and executing the primary currency futures purchase order to maintain a currency futures market;

automatically matching and executing the secondary currency futures purchase order to maintain a currency futures options market; and

providing a communications link to allow intermarket futures and futures options trading to manage risk taken in a position resulting from a trade in either market.

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38. (Amended) The method of claim 37 17 [further comprising the step of providing a] wherein the communications link [to] is coupled to a rolling spot future trade system[s].

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39. (Amended) The method of claim 37 17 [further comprising the step of providing a] wherein the communications link [to] is coupled to a currency futures trade system[s].

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40. (Amended) The method of claim 37¹⁷ [further comprising the step of providing a] wherein
the communications link [to] allows vertical, horizontal and combination spread options trading.

41. (Amended) A method of maintaining a market for publicly traded [currencies] currency
futures, comprising the steps of:

providing a principal market maker computer;

receiving a primary currency futures purchase order, the primary currency futures
purchase order indicative of whether a currency futures is to be bought or sold;

receiving a secondary currency futures purchase order, the secondary currency futures
purchase order indicative of an outright futures option purchase;

automatically matching and executing the primary currency futures purchase order to
maintain a currency futures market;

automatically matching and executing the secondary currency futures purchase order to
maintain a currency futures options market; and

providing intermarket futures and futures options trading to manage risk taken in a
position resulting from a trade in either market.

45. (Amended) A method of maintaining a market for publicly traded [currencies] currency
futures, comprising the steps of:

providing a principal market maker computer;

receiving a primary currency futures purchase order, the primary currency futures
purchase order indicative of whether a currency futures is to be bought or sold;

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receiving a secondary currency futures purchase order, the secondary currency futures purchase order indicative of an outright futures option sale;

automatically matching and executing the primary currency futures purchase order to maintain a currency futures market;

automatically matching and executing the secondary currency futures purchase order to maintain a currency futures options market; and

providing intermarket futures and futures options trading to manage risk taken in a position resulting from a trade in either market.

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49. (Amended) A method of trading [currencies] currency futures comprising the steps of: providing a principal market maker computer operative to receive currency futures bids and offers;

receiving currency futures bids and offers at the principal market maker computer from at least one financial institution;

storing the currency futures bids and offers in a memory;

matching the stored bids and offers to automatically maintain a market for the currency futures traded; and

executing the matched trades.

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51. (Amended) A method of trading a commodity comprising the steps of:

providing a principal market maker computer operative to receive and transmit bids and offers;

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receiving and transmitting bids and offers;

storing the received bids and offers in a memory;

[identifying matching bids and offers;

executing the matching bids and offers;]

identifying unmatched bids and offers; and

[providing] automatically executing a complementary trade to maintain a market for the
commodity.

Please add new claims 52-55, as follows:

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-- 52. The method defined in claim 51, further comprising the step of identifying matching
bids and offers.

53. The method defined in claim 52, further comprising the step of executing the
matching bids and offers.

54. The method defined in claim 54, further comprising the step of identifying matching
bids and offers.

55. The method defined in claim 54, further comprising the step of executing the
matching bids and offers. --